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SUBJ: RESORT AEAS IN IRAQ

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1. I CALLED ON ADNWN AL-EDUOHI, CHIEF TECHNICAL DEPT OF SUMMER RESORTS AND TOURISM ADMINISTRATION OF MIN OF INFO, ON NOV 29 TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFO ON RESORTS PROJECT. RUBAI SAID PLANNING BOARD WAS IN GREAT RUSH TO ESTABLISH TOURIST FACILITIES AND HAD ORDERED MIN TO PROCEED WITH THESE FIVE TOURIST CENTERS DESPITE FACT FULL STUDQ OF TOURIST MACKET IRAQ SHOULD AIM FOR NOT QET COMPLETED. SUCH STUDY PSIBEING DONE IN COOPERATION WITH IBRD. MIN'U DESIRE AT THIS STAGE IS THEREFORE TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE CONSULTING FIRMS TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING OPPORTUNITIES,

SIZE, AND QUALITY OF TOURIST CENTERS. SAME FIRMS WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT STAGES AND INCLUDING PERSONNEL TRAINING. IN SHORT, THEY ARE HOPING TO EUTWBLISP LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH FOREIGN FIRMS TO BUILD TOURIUT INFRASTCUCTURE IN IRAQ.

2. INTERESTED FICMS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT PRELIMINARY OFFES NOT LATER THAN NOON, DEC 27 TO SUMMER RESORTS AVD TOURISM
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ADMINISTRATION, BAGHDAD. OFFER SHOULD GIVE EXPECIENCE OF IRM

AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH TO BE FOLLOWED. RUBAI SAID
THAT IF AMERICAN FIRMS SHOW INTEREST, DEC 27 DATE COULD
BE EXTENDED.

3. THERE IS DEFINITE PINTEREST AT TECHNICAL LEVEL IN HAVING AMERICAN
FIRMS COMPETE FOR THIS CONTRACT. WE CANNOT OF COURSE BE CERTAIN
THAT POLITICAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING AT TIME CONTRACT
TO BE AWARDED WOULD NOT WORK AGAINST U U FIRM. AS FURTHER
EVIDENCE OF CURRENT INTEREST IN AMERICAN FIRMS, RUBAI TOLD ME
THAT GOI ABOUT TO MAKE DECISION ON BASRA HOTEL PROJECT AND
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS IS AMONG FIRMS TO BE CALLED BACK.
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